

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1- 17 and 19 - 21 are presented in the instant application.

In the Official Action, claims 1-7, 9, 10, 15-17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Allen US Patent No. 646,200. Also, in the Office Action, claims 1-17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allen US Patent No. 646,200 in view of Farquhar US Patent No. 1,379,091.

As explained in greater detail hereinafter, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and submits to the contrary that the present invention is neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious over, either cited reference.

Independent Claims 1 and 20 have now been amended to clearly obviate the present rejections. Claims 1 and 20 now include a first guide track attached to the door and a first guide element fixed at the pivot axis and guided in the first guide track, i.e. the door can move over the guide elements, guided by the first guide track with the guide system guiding the door along the first guide track during a pivoting movement of the door about said first guide element and the pivot axis. The claims further define a second guide track fixed to the housing and a second guide element fixed to the door and guided in the second guide track spatially separated from the pivot axis and movable relative to the pivot axis with the guide system guiding the second guide element along the second guide track during the pivoting movement of the door. Also, the second guide track is vertically obliquely inclined in the direction from the front region of the housing toward the rear region of the housing, whereupon the second guide element is moved against the force of gravity in being guided along this vertically obliquely inclined track during movement of the door between its closed position and its at least partly open position.

Allen '200 also does not teach or disclose that its "second guide track" – namely, the groove 2 – is, in the language of claims 1 and 20 of the present application as currently amended - vertically obliquely inclined. In contrast, Aleen

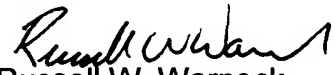
'200 discloses, in the second column thereof, lines 79 – 82, that two substantially horizontal grooves 2 are formed in the end pieces a of the casing of the bookcase. Thus, the “guide element” – namely, the balls 3 – that are guided in the grooves 2 of Allen '200 are not guided vertically obliquely upwardly but are instead guided horizontally in the grooves 2 and, thus, neither the balls 3 nor the door b of Allen '200 are moved against the force of gravity. This feature of the vertically obliquely upwardly oriented second guide tracks of the present invention advantageously produce a horizontal component on the door that urges the door to remain in its closed position as well as to seal off the enclosed space (i.e., the cooking chamber 11). It is clear the grooves 2 of Allen '200 produce no such advantageous action that urges the door b of Allen '200 to remain in its closed position.

It is also submitted that Farquhar US Patent No. 1,379,091 does not overcome the deficiencies of Allen '200 noted above.

Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-7, 9, 10 and 15-19 depending ultimately therefrom, and independent claim 20 are thus submitted to be allowable over Allen US Patent No. 646,200 and Farquhar US Patent No. 1,379,091.

By the above, it has been demonstrated that claims 1- 17 and 19 - 21 clearly define the present invention over the cited references, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered and that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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